

Claudie Byrd

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Honorary Pallbearers

*Archie Dukes
Joe Jones
Ulysees "Sam" Lesley*

Active Pallbearers

Cousins

May I Go Now?

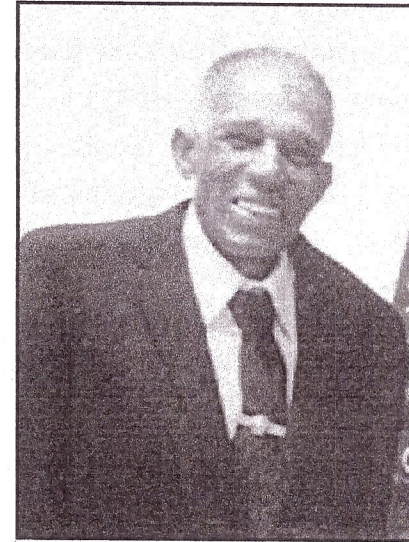
*May I go now! Don't you think the time is right?
May I say good-bye to pain filled days, endless sleepless nights?
I've lived my life and done my best, an example I tried to be,
So, can I take that step beyond and set my spirit free?
I didn't want to go at first, I fought with all my might!
But something seems to draw me now, to a warm and loving
light.*

*I want to go! I really do! It's difficult to stay.
But I will try as best I can to live just one more day.
To give you time to care for me and share your love and fears.
I know you're sad and are afraid, because I see your tears.
I'll not be far, I promise that, and hope you'll always know,
that my spirit will be close to you, wherever you may go.
Thank you so for loving me, you know I loved you too.
That's why it's hard to say good-bye and end this life with you.
So hold me now, just one more time, and let me hear you say,
because you care so much for me,
You'll let me go today...*

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Homegoing Service For



Mr. Claudie Byrd

*Thursday, November 30, 2000
3:00 p.m.*

*Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
Pulaski, Georgia*

Rev. Sonya Lee, Pastor/Eulogist

*Burial – Church Cemetery
Pulaski, Georgia*

Professional Services

Entrusted to:

Whitaker Funeral Home of Metter, Georgia

Obituary

Mr. Claudie Byrd was born August 22, 1929 in Candler County, Georgia to Nathaniel Byrd and Lula Mae Peoples. He attended the public schools of Candler County. In the early 1950's he left Metter to live in Miami, FL. He later moved to Asbury Park, NJ where he resided for nearly forty years. He returned to Georgia in 1999 where he remained until his passing Thursday, November 23, 2000.

Upon returning to Metter in 1999, he joined Mt. Zion United Methodist Church.

His wife, Lillie Mae Byrd, and his parents preceded him in death.

He leaves to cherish his memory, a stepson, Johnny Johnson (Gloria) of St. Petersburg, FL; a foster daughter, Bettye Brown of Ocean Township, NJ; two sisters, Alma Cobb of Metter, GA and Jean Jackson of Macon, GA; two uncles, Dewey Donaldson and Pervit Byrd both of Metter, GA; nine aunts, Gertrude Parrish, Arillion Williams, Elizabeth McFadden and Alma Griffin all of Miami, FL, Marie Royal, Tera Hobbs, Willow Nell Salter and Maggie Parrish all of Metter, GA and Carrie Ussery of Detroit, MI; two god-daughters, LaShonda Franklin and Akasha Jones both of Neptune, NJ; a devoted friend, Effie M. Johnson of Metter, GA, several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Presiding.....Rev. Alton Hobbs

Song.....“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Invocation.....Rev. Lee Hunter

Scriptures

Old Testament.....Rev. Lee Hunter

New Testament.....Rev. Alton Hobbs

Solo.....Dea. James Ready

Acknowledgments.....Whitaker Funeral Home Staff

Song.....Choir

Eulogy.....Rev. Sonya Lee

Recessional

Acknowledgments

The Family wishes to express sincere gratitude to their friends for the kindness and assistance rendered them during their time of bereavement.